

**Office of School Improvement  
2006-07**

**SECTION 31a PROGRAM FOR AT-RISK PUPILS**

**Eligible  
Recipients**  
*Sec. 31a (2)*

- Local school districts with a current year combined state and local revenue per membership pupil of less than or equal to \$6,500, as adjusted by index
- Public school academies

**Allocation  
Formula**  
*Sec. 31a (1)  
and (3)*

- October 31, 2005 final adjusted free breakfast, lunch, or milk count multiplied by 11.5% of foundation allowance; prorated if necessary by a per-pupil amount
- For public school academies that began operations after the prior year membership count day, the October 31, 2006 adjusted free breakfast, lunch, or milk count

**Eligible Pupils**  
*Sec. 31a (18)*

- Pupils who meet at least 2 of the following criteria:
  - victim of child abuse or neglect
  - below grade level in English language and communications skills or mathematics
  - pregnant teenager or teenage parent
  - eligible for free or reduced-price lunch
  - atypical behavior or attendance patterns
  - family history of school failure, incarceration or substance abuse
- OR
- Pupils who did not achieve at least a score of level 2 on the most recent MEAP or Michigan Merit Exam English language arts, mathematics or science test for which results for the pupil have been received.
- OR
- Pupils in grades K-3 who are at risk of not meeting the district's core academic curricular objectives in English language arts or mathematics

**Program  
Services**  
*Sec. 31a (4)*

- Instructional programs and direct noninstructional services (e.g., medical or counseling services)
- May be provided before or after regular school hours or by adding extra school days
- May use tutorial method with paraprofessionals working under supervision of certificated teacher (ratio of pupils to paraprofessionals between 10:1 and 15:1)
- Early childhood programs to serve children age 0 to 5
- Reading programs as described in former Sec. 32f
- May not be used for administrative costs or to supplant another program or other funds being used for at-risk pupils

*Sec. 31a (10)*

- Reduction of class size in grades K-6, or any combination of those grades, in schools in which the percentage of pupils eligible for free lunch exceeds the district average; may request a waiver for schools with at least 30% poverty (if also at least 60% of district average)

**NOTE:** If Section 31a funds are used to reduce class size, the instructional program must be designed to assure a realistic opportunity for eligible pupils to achieve the district's core curriculum outcomes in accordance with Section 1278(6) of P.A. 335.

**Breakfast  
Program**  
*Sec. 31a (5)*

- Districts operating a school breakfast program must use an amount of Section 31a funds, not to exceed \$10 per pupil counted for the district's Section 31a allocation, necessary to operate the breakfast program.

**NOTE:** Section 31a funds may no longer be used for the lunch program.

**Adult  
Education**  
*Sec. 31a (12)*

- Section 31a funds may be used for adult high school completion, general education development (G.E.D.) test preparation, adult English as a second language, or adult basic education programs.

**School Security**  
*Sec. 31a (4)*

- A district or public school academy in which at least 50% of the pupils in membership met the income eligibility criteria for free breakfast, lunch or milk in the immediately preceding state fiscal year, as determined and reported as described in subsection (1), may use not more than 15% of the funds it receives under this section for school security.

**Allowable Costs**  
*State Board of  
Education  
Criteria  
July 13, 1994*

- Costs that may be paid with Section 31a funds are limited to only that portion of the following that provides supplemental, instructional or support services to eligible students:
  1. Salaries and benefits for instructional staff;
  2. Salaries and benefits to staff providing direct noninstructional services;
  3. Purchased services, supplies and materials for instructional and direct noninstructional services;
  4. Operation, maintenance, and pupil transportation costs for programs provided outside of the regular school day or year;
  5. Costs for school breakfast programs; and
  6. Capital outlay necessary for the provision of instructional and direct noninstructional services, such as computers and other instructional equipment.

**Accountability**  
*Sec. 31a (9)  
and (10)*

- Written report on usage of Section 31a funds submitted to Department; program records available for audit; any disallowances returned to State.

**NOTE:** Districts must report the number of students receiving each program or service as well as the number of those students who are eligible for free or reduced-price school lunch.

**Flexibility**  
*Sec. 31a (13)*

- May submit application to Department for flexible use of funds attributable to schools that made AYP.
- Proposed use of funds must be designed to benefit at-risk pupils in the schools included in the application.